Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Thus, as required by the Examiner, the cross reference to the parent application has been amended to indicate the patented status of the parent application, rendering moot the objection to the disclosure.

Claims 2-7, 14 and 15 have been cancelled, rendering moot the prior art rejections of these claims as set forth in items 3-5 of the Office Action.

The only other claims remaining in the application are claims 1, 8 and 9, which the Examiner has allowed.

Accordingly, the present application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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